

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of collaborating among team members of separate diverse organizations over a first electronic network and a second electronic network, the diverse organizations including first members of a first organization and second members of a second organization diverse from the first members, the method comprising:

providing a virtual team environment supported on a team room environment server, the team room environment server being coupled to each of the first electronic network and the second electronic network;

permitting access to the virtual team room environment to first team members via the first electronic network only if the first team members are identified in a directory associated with the first electronic network; [[and]]

permitting access to the virtual team room environment to second team members via the second electronic network only if the second team members are identified in a directory associated with the virtual team room environment;

defining a team room within the virtual team room environment;

associating a plurality of the first members and a plurality of the second members with the team room;

defining a plurality of activities associated with a project roadmap, wherein each activity includes an activity description and wherein each activity is associated with the team room; and

receiving data from the first team members and the second team members via the virtual team room environment, and associating the data with one or more of the activities.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first electronic network comprises a local area network.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first electronic network comprises an Intranet.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the second electronic network comprises an unsecured network.

5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein the unsecured network comprises the Internet.

6. (canceled)

7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the information includes identification of at least one team leader.

8. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the information includes identification of a team purpose.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim [[6]] 1, wherein the information includes identification of sub-teams associated with the virtual team room.

10. (currently amended) A method of providing communication and collaboration among team members, wherein the team members include first members of a first group of members and second members of a second group of members, organizational disparate from the first members, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a teamwork tool server supporting a team room environment, the teamwork tool server being coupled to the first members via a first network structure and to the second members by a second network structure, the team room environment including one or more activities for which communication and collaboration among team members is provided;

providing a global directory coupled to the teamwork tool server including an identification for each of the first members and the second members;

providing a local directory coupled to the teamwork tool server, the local directory including a team room user profile for each of a plurality of team room members

defined by the one or more activities, wherein the team room members are selected from the first members and the second members;

receiving a request for access to the team room environment with respect to the one or more activities from one user of the first members and the second members;

verifying an identification for the one user in the global directory; and

permitting the request for access to the team room environment according to the team room user profile for the one user.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, comprising accepting from the team members information and data.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein the information comprises one of document information, issue information, task information, meeting information, calendar information and milestone information.

13. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the teamwork tool server is coupled to a security server, and wherein the step of verifying an identification is completed by the security server.

14. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising the steps of accepting information from the team members, and defining a structure of the team room environment in accordance with the information.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the information comprises identification of a team leader and a team member.

16. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the information is retained in the local directory.

17. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the information comprises association information, the association information defining an association between the team room environment and a project.

18. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the first network structure and the second network structure each comprises one of an unsecured network and a secured network.

19. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein the unsecured network comprises the Internet.

20. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein the secured network comprises local area network.